



Hooded Merganser, First Place
By Natasha Lopez, age 7, Art instruction: Autodidact
Home Schooled, Elk Grove

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The hooded merganser looks unusual in comparison to most ducks. Its thin, serrated, spike-like bill has earned it the nickname "sawbill." With slender bodies and narrow wings, both male and female are small compared to other mergansers. The male's most striking characteristic is its black and white fan-shaped crest, which can be raised and lowered. In flight, the lowered crest appears as a white stripe on the male's black head. The female is small with a brownish head, bill, and chest. She looks much like a wood duck hen except for her white wing patch and spike-like bill.



Canada Goose, Honorable Mention
By Alexander Nichols, age 18
Jesuit High School, Carmichael



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Redhead, Second Place By Desiree Mervau age 17 Art teacher: Paula Flohr Sheldon High School, Sacramento		1 San Mateo International Sportsmen's Exposition Youth Fair (360) 693-3700	2 Ground Hog Day Jr. Pheasant Hunt, San Luis Obispo Co. (805) 238-4236
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